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APPLICANTS: O'Keefe et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/973,660 GROUP NO.: 3762  
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TITLE: ANTI-REFLUX DRAINAGE DEVICES AND METHODS

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

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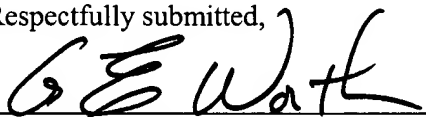
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Submitted herewith is/are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
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3. Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.);
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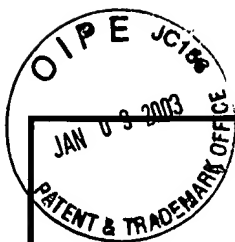
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	AM	4,334,537	6/15/82	Peterson	128	275	1/28/81		
	AN	4,643,719	2/17/87	Garth et al.	604	73	7/19/84		
	AO	4,666,429	5/19/87	Stone	604	83	2/26/86		
	AP	5,019,102	5/28/91	Hoene	623	12	12/7/88		
	AQ	5,380,270	1/10/95	Ahmadzadeh	604	9	12/9/91		
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>									
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<b>EXAM. INIT.</b>	<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)</b>								
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# TRANSMITTAL FORM

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